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An Ohio Young Woman Who Carries Mail for a Living.

Not many girls would enter into a contract and furnish a good bond for the faithful and prompt performance for four years of a duty to cover thirty-two miles a day, rain, snow or shine, in delivering Uncle Sam's mail. Yet this is what Miss Sadie Webb, the 20-year-old daughter of Aaron Webb, a wealthy and prominent farmer of Porter township, Ohio, has done. Miss Webb lives with her parents on their 200-acre farm, and while the two sisters stay at home and help their mother and her father till the soil she discharges her duty as contractor on mail route No. 31,277 and probably does more driving than any other girl in Ohio. She covers 192 miles per week, 9,984 miles per month and 39,736 miles in the four years of her contract, a distance equal to that around the entire globe.

Early in the day Miss Webb leaves her home, one and a half miles north of East Liberty, and, passing through three more towns, she gathers up the mail and leaves what is to be left at that place. Besides carrying mails for four postoffices she buys all of the goods for four general stores located in the villages along the route that she has to travel every day of her life. She has bought articles for her customers ranging in size from a needle to a cooking range. She makes a specialty of the necessities of life and the residents along her route contribute liberally to making purchases through her commission.

Last winter when the thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero she was prompt in all of her appointments along the route. That day she wore a heavy coat and felt boots reaching to the knee. Her hands were covered with a pair of elbow gloves while she drove through the distance, none the worse for the cold. Her work, although arduous, is enjoyable to her and very remunerative as well. She has made as high as \$5.35 in a single day from sources extra from her stipulated contract with the government.

Not only is Miss Webb a success in commercial circles, but she is well liked in social circles as well. Her home is an ever-welcome place for those who desire to visit it. She is a handsome young woman and took the contract when she was just 18 years of age. She is an entertaining conversationalist, has a pretty round face and under two dark eyebrows are set two hazel eyes "that know their keepers."



To play whist successfully the attention must be closely centered on the game. The majority of hands are opened with a fourth best card from a long suit to show partner the possession of exactly three higher cards and to enable him to determine from the drop how many cards in all are held and what they are. It is much easier to learn how to read partner's hand than is ordinarily supposed.

There are two main systems of scientific whist play, known as the long suit and short suit systems, according to whether, in the majority of instances, the original leaders adopting the respective systems, open from a long suit or short suit, but it must be understood that the long-suiters sometimes opens from a short suit originally, and the short-suiters sometimes opens from a long suit originally. The main characteristic of the scientific long-suit school is the opening of a long suit in the hope that, when the trumps are exhausted, or are all in the hands of the leader and his partner, the long suit may be established and that extra tricks may be taken by the "long" or remaining small cards of the long suit. On the other hand, the main characteristic of the scientific short-suit school is the opening of a nine, ten, jack or queen, usually from the top of a short suit, with the intent that partner shall finesse deeply in the suit lead and not return it, and by this mode of play develop tenaces in each other's suits. With hands of more than ordinary strength the short-suit plays the long-suit game, and partner at once responds with trumps, but ordinarily the "strengtheners"—nines, tens, jacks and queens—are led originally. It is an error to suppose that scientific short-suiters lead short suit in an early ruff. The short-suiters' effort is to give an extra trick-taking value to high cards in all the plain suits of each player.

### A New Andorra.

Arcadia exists. It is perched high among the Swiss Alps. Its name is Abland Schuen, which, being interpreted, signifies an out-of-the-way locality. Its people have no standing army, and therefore never go to war. They have no fleet, being hundreds of miles from the sea in every direction. They have no political bosses or wire-pullers, and consequently such elections as they have are pure. They have no doctors, and, as a rule, die only of old age. There is no news and no need of a newspaper, the post comes only once a week, there are no trades, and there is little industry. There are no shops. Once a week a cheap Jack brings them all the goods they want, and their herds, flocks, and poultry yards supply them with the rest. Having little money, they require no bank, but they have a church, with a bell, which besides its Sabbath summons, rings for births and funerals and festivals. Few tourists visit the place, or its Arcadian simplicities would vanish in a season.

### How It Happened.

"I can't understand how such a hideous thing as the doctrine of total depravity ever came to be promulgated." "Well, man was bound to reach some curious conclusions in the effort to account for his neighbors."

The man who boots a dog and the woman who shoes a hen are not always cobblers.

We never like a story wherein one of the characters says "By Jove!"

### UNCLAIMED MONEY.

Facts About Portunes in England Waiting for Owners to Appear.

During the last parliamentary session several important returns relating to unclaimed funds in English Government departments have been issued by order of the House of Commons. A London lawyer has compiled the following interesting extracts from these returns:

Funds in Chancery.—The receipts and transfers into the Supreme Court of Judicature (England) during the year ending Feb. 29, 1896, were \$76,910,285. This sum, added to the balance in hand on March 1, 1895, makes a grand total of \$383,842,084. After payments out of court to successful claimants and others, amounting to \$85,178,240, there remained on hand in cash and securities on Feb. 29, 1896, exclusive of the large item under the head of "Foreign Securities." The proportion of this balance, which may be classed as "unclaimed," is not stated, but no less than \$11,639,110 has been appropriated, in the absence of claimants, to various objects. The consolidated fund is liable in respect of this appropriation in the event of legitimate heirs at any time substantiating their claims. The number of "suits' accounts" is 49,824, of which some 5,000 relate to funds unclaimed between the years 1720-1877.

The funds in the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) on Sept. 30, 1896, were \$20,900,065. In the chancery division there is a large sum of unclaimed money, but the exact amount is not stated. More than \$1,250,000, part of such unclaimed funds, has been appropriated toward building the Law Courts and Law Library in Dublin. Unclaimed dividends on Government stock due and not demanded on April 2, 1896, were \$1,442,726; on July 2, \$1,381,875; on Oct. 2, \$1,444,830; and on Jan. 2, \$1,326,515. The greater portion of these sums was advanced to the Government, pursuant to act of parliament, till claimants appear. The total amount of accumulated unclaimed Government stock dividends is about \$25,000,000. The consolidated fund is

liable in respect of a sum of \$5,700,505, part of the unclaimed money arising from bankrupts' estates. The exchequer is also liable in the sum of \$108,000, interest on South Sea stock, paid over to the Government between the years 1845-52.

Intestates' estates in England to the value of \$238,275 fell to the crown during 1896 in the absence of heirs or by reason of illegitimacy. The balance in hand at the commencement of the year was \$620,375, and, after payment of the crown's share of estates, grants next to kin, etc., the balances on Dec. 31 last were \$590,085. A similar return relating to intestates' estates in Scotland shows that on the same date the Queen's remembrancer had balances in hand amounting to \$201,585.

The balance of unclaimed army prize money in hand on March 31, 1896, was \$385,000. It is interesting to note that during the year immediately preceding that date, only \$67 was paid to soldiers or their representatives, while \$8,100 was utilized toward the maintenance of Chelsea hospital and grounds.

The unclaimed effects of soldiers, accumulated since 1863, have reached the large sum of \$704,240. This fund has been transferred to the patriotic fund commissioners' naval prize money. The balance of unclaimed naval prize money due to sailors or their representatives on March 30, 1896, was \$1,300,000. There are also considerable sums on hand arising from unclaimed wages and effects of deceased seamen.

It has been suggested that the state should have custody of unclaimed funds now in the hands of bankers and others, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer found he could not approve legislation which would direct these funds to that channel.—New York Sun.

They Can't Stop It. "A woman," said Miss Antek, "is as old as she looks."

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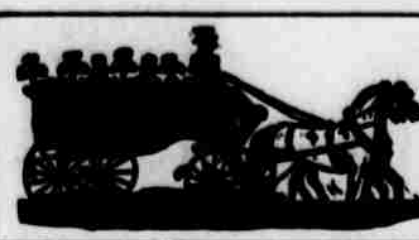
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